

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A system includes plural storage subsystems each having a controller and an expander to couple to storage devices. The controller accesses the storage devices through the expander, and the expander has interfaces for coupling to the storage devices. The system further includes an intercontroller link to connect expanders in two storage subsystems to enable the controller in one of the storage subsystems to communicate with the controller in another one of the storage subsystems through the expanders and the intercontroller link.